



Reasons, vvhy the County of  
Glocester, ought to ioyn with the Towne  
of Tewkesbury, in repayring of a decayed  
BRIDGE.



It is confessed to bee a Worke of Necessity, and Charity; being a common Rode-way out of the North, and out of Wales into all the Western parts of the Kingdome, and that for want of it, manie of his Maiesties Subiects of late yeares, haue there most vnfortunately bene drowned, and many packes of Ware bene there spoyled.

2. When the Statute was made, 22. Hen. 8. concerning decayed Bridges, and from that time vntill 7. Jacobi, the saide Bridge was within the charge of the Countie, and out of the Corporation.

3. The Bridge twenty yeares and more, before it became part of the Corporation, was decayed by the default of the County, and therefore vnreasonable to be re-edified by the Towne onely, being charged with repairing of foure other Bridges, in, and neere the sayde Towne.

4. The Charter of the Towne is not so, but that the Iustices of the Peace of the Countie do & may exercise their authority within all the enlarged bounds of the Corporation, the parish of Tewkesbury (being a very small matter only excepted.) And the saide Town since their last Charter, haue paid with the Countie of Glocester, towards Chepstowes Bridge (whereof they haue no manner of vse, being distant from them thirty miles) and generally all other payments: as the Kings prouision, maimed Soldiours, Gaole money, Kings Bench and Marshalsey, Subsidies, Taxes, and Fifteenes, ayde to Bohemia, and the like: all taxed, rated, and assessed by the Iustices of the Peace, and the said County of Glocester, and by Officers appointed by them, leuied accordingly.

5. It is apparant, the charge exceeds the abilitie of the Towne, and therefore either the County must ioyn, or the Bridge continue still ruinate, to the hinderance of Trafficke, the great preiudice of the Common-wealth, and indangering of the liues of the Kings Subiects.

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